

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 554 - SB 1121**

February 20, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits any person who has been convicted of aggravated rape, rape, or rape of a child from which a child was conceived from having custody or visitation rights, or the rights of inheritance with respect to that child. The other parent may waive such protection regarding visitation and request the court grant reasonable visitation rights with the child if paternity has been acknowledged. The court shall establish a child support obligation against the father of the child unless waived by the other parent and the Department of Human Services, if applicable.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The provisions of the proposed legislation will affect the custody and child support arrangements of private parties.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.
- There could be a small decrease in state and federal expenditures and subsequent revenue from collected fees if the other parent and Department of Human Services waive the child support obligation of the father and the department, acting as the central collection and disbursement unit, does not have any responsibilities in the case. Any impact is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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